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policant(s):

Thomas L. Ritzdorf

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William T. Leader

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PEITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicants in the above-identified application request a three-month extension of time within which to respond to the Final Office Action dated December 6, 2005. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal as well as a Three-Month Extension of time on June 6, 2006 which would have made the appeal brief due on August 6, 2006. With this Extension, the time to respond is now set at November 6, 2006. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), the \$1,020 fee for a three-month extension of time is enclosed.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3891. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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